

## DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: Catalyst for Polymerization of Conjugated Diene and Method of Polymerizing Conjugated Diene using the  
the specification of which Catalyst, Rubber Composition for Tires, and Rubber Composition for Golf Balls

(check one) ☐ is attached hereto.  
☒ was filed on October 20, 2005 as  
 Application Serial No. PCT/JP2005/019302  
 and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_  
 (if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)			Priority Claimed	
<u>2004-318598</u> (Number)	<u>JP</u> (Country)	<u>1 November 2004</u> (Day/Month/Year Filed)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<u>2004-318599</u> (Number)	<u>JP</u> (Country)	<u>1 November 2004</u> (Day/Month/Year Filed)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<u>2005-057078</u> (Number)	<u>JP</u> (Country)	<u>2 March 2005</u> (Day/Month/Year Filed)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<u>2005-063396</u> (Number)	<u>JP</u> (Country)	<u>8 March 2005</u> (Day/Month/Year Filed)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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